

Claims

1. Telecommunication system for transporting information from a sender using a sending terminal to a receiver using a receiving terminal and comprising a protection mechanism for protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said protection mechanism has at least a first mode for protecting said information according to a first protective way and has at least a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective way being mutually different, whereby said telecommunication system is provided with an activation mechanism coupled to said protection mechanism for activating at least one of said modes in dependence of at least control information originating from said sender.
2. Telecommunication system according to claim 1, characterised in that said telecommunication system comprises a billing mechanism coupled to said activation mechanism for billing said sender in dependence of at least an activated mode.
3. Telecommunication system according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that said control information represents an economic value of said information to be transported.

4. Telecommunication system according to claim 3, characterised in that said telecommunication system comprises a returning mechanism for in response to a detection of transported information having become available to at least one third party returning a predefined value to said sender, which predefined value is a function of said economic value.

5. Terminal for use in a telecommunication system for transporting information from a sender using said terminal to a receiver using a further terminal, which telecommunication system comprises a protection mechanism for protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said protection mechanism has at least a first mode for protecting said information according to a first protective way and has at least a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective way being mutually different, whereby said telecommunication system is provided with an activation mechanism coupled to said protection mechanism for activating at least one of said modes in dependence of at least control information originating from said terminal.

6. Terminal according to claim 5, characterised in that said control information represents an economic value of said information to be transported.

7. Terminal for use in a telecommunication system for transporting information from a sender using said terminal to a receiver using a further

terminal, which terminal comprises a protection mechanism for protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said protection mechanism has at least a first mode for protecting said information according to a first protective way and has at least a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective way being mutually different, whereby said telecommunication system is provided with an activation mechanism to be coupled to said protection mechanism for activating at least one of said modes in dependence of at least control information originating from said sender.

8. Terminal according to claim 7, characterised in that said control information represents an economic value of said information to be transported.

9. Method for transporting information from a sender using a sending terminal to a receiver using a receiving terminal and comprising the step of

- protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said method comprises the steps of
- receiving control information from said sender representing an economic value of said information to be transported, and
- in dependence of at least said control information, activating at least one of at least two modes comprising a first mode for protecting said information according to a first protective way and a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective way being mutually different.

10. Method according to claim 9, characterised in that said method comprises the step of

- in response to a detection of transported information having become available to at least one third party, returning a predefined value to said sender, which predefined value is a function of said economic value.

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